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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY SANA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
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SUBJEC,: ERITREAN REQUEST FOR DIALOGUE

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1. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS
WITH ERITREANS, WE BELIEVE OCCASIONAL LOWER-LEVEL MEETINGS
AT ERITREAN INITIATIVE SHOULD NOT BE AVOIDED. ESSENTIALLY,
WE WISH TO LISTEN TO WHAT THE ERITREAN REPS HAVE TO SAY,
RATHER THAN TO TALK. BUT IF PRESSED FOR AN EXPRESSION OF
U.S. VIEWS, YOU MAY STATE THE FOLLOWING:

2. WE WISH THE BEST FOR THE ERITREAN PEOPLE. WE ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO THEIR VIEWS, BUT THE U.S. DOES NOT PROPOSE TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THIS STRUGGLE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OVERALL VIEW THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO INTERJECT OURSELVES INTO A REGIONAL PROBLEM WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT.

3. ALL APPROACHES FROM ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION SO AS TO MINIMIZE CHANCES THAT CONTACTS WILL BE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE OR HOSTILITY TO THE ADDIS GOVERNMENT.

4. FOR ABU DHABI: EMBASSY MAY NOTIFY SABBE'S CONTACT POINT THAT DCM WILLING TO SEE HIM AGAIN IF STILL AVAILABLE. SHOULD SABBE APPEAR, YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOURSELF TO TALKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA ONE, WITH ADDITIONAL POINT THAT EMBASSY ABU DHABI NOT WELL ENOUGH INFORMED ON ETHIOPIAN/ERITREAN ISSUES TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE.

5. FOR JIDDA: WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE SEEKING CONTACT WITH ERITREAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, IT DOES APPEAR TO US THAT EMBASSY JIDDA IS WELL SITUATED TO BE THE SITE OF OCCASIONAL CONTACT, SHOULD ERITREANS TAKE THE INITIATIVE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.

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